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SUBJECT: ELECTION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ILO

REF: LAGOS 9074

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SUMMARY: FMG NOT HAPPY WITH L VOEDJRE AS CANDIDATE FOR
ILOSYG POSITION BUT FEELS BOXED IN BY OAU ENDORSEMENT OF

ACTION REQUESTED: ADVISE USG POSITION RESLG POSITION
AND STATUS USG DUES PAYMENTS IN ILO. END SUMMARY

1. DURING WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION JANUARY 24 WITH LABATT,
NIGERIAN MINISTRY OF LABOR OFFICIALS (LABINJOH, ASSISTANT

DIRECTOR FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND PEPPE, IN CHARGE OF
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS) GAVE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO
FEBRUARY ILO GOVERNING BODY MEETING WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO
CHOOSE NEXT ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL. BOTH OFFICIALS VOICED
CRITICISM OF OAU DECISION TO BACK TEVOEDJRE, SAYING
DAHOMEAN HAD PURPOSELY BY-PASSED CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN
LABOR MINISTERS TO GET SUPPORT DIRECTLY FROM OAU HEADS OF
STATES MEETING. THE CLAIM TEVOEDJRE WOULD NOT HAVE
BEEN CHOICE OF OAU LABOR MINISTERS. BY GOING DIRECTLY TO
HEADS OF STATE AND OBTAINING THEIR ENDORSEMENT TEVOEDJRE
WAS ABLE TO PRESENT OAU LABOR MINISTRIES WITH FAIT ACCOMPLI
AND EFFECTIVELY BY-PASSED ANY CONSIDERATION OF OTHER MORE
QUALIFIED AFRICANS FOR THIS POSITION.

2. PEPPE NOTED OAU NATIONS, PARTICULARLY NIGERIA SINCE
GENERAL GOWON IS CURRENT OAU CHAIRMAN, ARE TIED TO
TEVOEDJRE'S CANDIDACY ALTHOUGH THEY REALIZE HE IS PERHAPS
NOT BEST QUALIFIED FOR THE JOB. AFRICAN NATIONS AT THE

FEBRUARY GOVERNING BODY MEETING WILL MOST LIKELY TAKE A
"PASSIVE" ROLE IN TEVOEDJRE'S ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN VOTES. HE
NOTED NIGERIAN PERMSEC KOKU IS VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN ILO
DIRECTOR GENERALSHIP BUT CANNOT OPENLY SEEK POSITION. PEPPE
SPECULATED THAT IT WOULD BE NICE IF FEBRUARY GOVERNING BODY
DECIDED TO POSTPONE ELECTION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL AND SEEK
FURTHER NOMINATIONS FOR THE JOB. IF THIS COULD BE DONE
AND IF UNSATISFACTORY CANDIDATES SUCH AS TEVOEDJRE COULD
BE SOMEHOW ELIMINATED THEN KOKU MIGHT SEEK THE JOB.

3. BOTH PEPPE AND LABINJOH INQUIRED AS TO US GOVERNMENT
POSITION ON DIRECTOR GENERAL ELECTION. LABATT EXPLAINED
US POSITION NOT YET FIRM BUT WOULD SEEK CURRENT READING.
PEPPE FURTHER INQUIRED ON STATUS OF USG PAYMENT OF DUES
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4. PLEASE ADVISE CURRENT US POSITION OF DIRECTOR GENERALSHIP
AND DUES PAYMENT.
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